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SUMMARY

- 11. (S) According to Elton Mangoma, MDC-T Minister of Economic Development and member of Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai's inner circle, the 🖡
- 12. (SBU) Pol/Econ chief met with Minister of Economic Development Elton Mangoma on October 29 at the Ministry. Mangoma is one of Tsvangirai's
- 13. (S) Reiterating Tsvangirai's views (Refs A and C), Mangoma said that a primary obstacle to political progress and reform was the service ch
- \_15. (C) Although doubtful about the ability of SADC to bring about a rapprochement between ZANU-PF and the MDC, Mangoma Qabout a rapprochement HARARE 00000865 002 OF 002
- 16. (C) We posited there was a general perception among diplomats and in civil society that the MDC did not have a strategic vision and had dis

COMMENT

17. (C) The relative power of Mugabe vis-a-vis the service chiefs is a matter of debate. While no doubt there are hardliners, including the ser DHANANI